

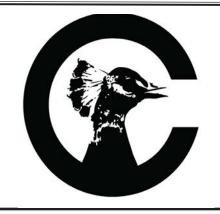




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NEWS

RIP, GA Legislature's campus sexual assault bill



Carson Gregors @gcsunade

The controversial "campus rape bill" will not be enacted, after being unanimously rejected by the Georgia Senate during the evening of the final legislative session on March 30.

The goal of the original bill, proposed by its chief backer Georgia's state representative Earl Ehrhart in January, was to change the way in which felony cases are handled on college campuses. Upon review by the committee that sees proposed bills before the House, the language of the HB 51 was changed.

Part of this change was the addition of a phrase which singled out sexual assault cases in section two: "However, no disciplinary proceedings based upon an alleged assault shall be conducted by postsecondary institution without the participation of the

victim of the alleged sexual assault."

The new addition to the bill raised concern among women's rights activist groups.

"Earl Ehrhart has kind of made it his mission to change the way that schools have to deal with reports of sexual assault, and in my opinion, in an extremely harmful way that seeks to protect the accused over victims," said Linsey James, junior rhetoric and sociology major, who works for Braveheart, a subdivision of Project Brave, a grant given to GC's Women's Center.

After the second revision of HB 51 was tabled by the Senate, Ehrhart searched for another means by which to push the bill through, transferring the content into another bill titled Senate Bill 71, which originally dealt with bankruptcy and health savings, and removing the line in section two that required the involvement of the victims of sexual assault cases in the investigative process.

Matt Roessing, a lawyer and GC assistant professor of accounting, said under current Georgia law, an internal investigation can be conducted concerning sexual assault cases. Ehrhart's bill intended to inhibit this, requiring that sexual assault cases, along with other felony cases, be directed to police.

Two primary concerns were raised by activists against the original bill, Roessing said. The first concern is that the bill could discourage victims from reporting the attacks due to the drastic measure of filing a case against the alleged attacker with the police. The second concern derives from the bill inhibiting colleges from taking action against the accused unless he or she is convicted.

"Convictions are incredibly hard to get. The burden of proof is beyond a reasonable doubt," Roessing said. "If you look at statistics of sexual assaults that are reported to police involving assault on campuses, not a lot of those have ever gotten to a conviction."

Under current federal law Title IX, GC's Public Safety Department is able to work with the Women's Center in handling sexual assault cases.

"I do feel as a police officer, the bill does hinder the victims," said Lieutenant Gary Purvis of GC's department of public safety. "Currently, they don't have to press charges, and the school can take measures to handle the issue."

Purvis said that if only law enforcement agencies are involved in the cases, then it could be less likely that victims will come forward with cases.

Roessing said that Ehrhart's original bill wasn't likely going to get passed and if it had been, it could have been a constitutional violation of Title IX, which requires universities to take the actions in felony cases that Ehrhart was trying to prevent.

"Nobody has reported that the bill today is not the same one that was introduced," Roessing said. "They're talking about how it has passed the House and it's moving forward, but they're assuming that it has the same language as when it was first introduced and it doesn't— it's completely different."

Roessing said the newest version of the bill, SB 71, mirrors laws that are already in existence.

"I think the bill got watered down, to make it more passable, to the point to where it is meaningless," said Roessing. "To me, this seems like a waste of time. We end up with a bill that says do what you're already doing."

Because the Senate killed the bill on the last day of Georgia's 2017-2018 regular legislative session, it is dead for the rest of the year.

Chemistry students perform "magic" shows

Gabrielle Schwobe @gcsunade

Over the recent spring break holiday, five GC chemistry majors traveled to 18 different towns throughout South Georgia and Florida performing chemistry magic shows for kids.

Dr. Catrena Lisse, the coordinator for the Chemistry Club, has been organizing these magic shows for 15 years now, which she and her students put on almost every week. However, for this spring break, the chemistry club received a lot of requests, so five chemistry members volunteered to travel with Lisse during their break.

During each show, the students performed a myriad of different "magic" tricks backed up by real science.

"I think the coolest one was

liquid nitrogen Ping-Pong balls, we just create an explosion with liquid nitrogen Ping-Pong balls and warm water, that's probably one of the flashier experiments," said junior Martin Alcantar, a chemistry major. "Another great one is the 'Old Nassau' which is a color changing reaction that always wows the kids."

Sophomore Ally Eubanks, a chemistry major, agreed.

"Oh yeah, that one is popular. You should see the kids' faces," Eubanks said.

These magic shows not only serve as entertainment, but show young kids how awesome and cool science can be.

"There were a couple of kids that really took a liking to us, and came up after. We felt like celebrities," said sophomore Melanie Schellman, a chemistry major. "We would see them after, and they wanted to take pictures with us and hug us. It was really



Lisse and her students traveled to 18 different towns in Georgia and Florida.

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Dr. Lisse has been doing these shows for 15 years, but the STEMing Into the Community initiative from the GC Chemistry Club just started in 2015.

"I've always enjoyed the outreach component of getting the

chemistry club involved, because the chemistry club students are more relatable to the audiences, because they are younger," Lisse said.

The GC Chemistry Club has won national awards, and they are the only institution in the state of Georgia to win nine consecutive outstanding chapter awards from the American Chemical Society, which is all due to the outreach they do, like these magic shows.

"Other universities don't win this award. Southern, UGA, Georgia Tech -- we are the only state of Georgia institution to win outstanding, for nine consecutive years, and we are shooting for ten," Lisses said.

The students said it was exciting to reach out to farther towns in the South, since they usually only do shows around central Georgia.

"I think that it was great we traveled farther into South Georgia," Eubanks said. "I'm from a small town in South Georgia, and I know those communities don't get a lot of opportunities like this."

Since spring break, the group has received positive feedback and have already been requested to come back to four of the schools they traveled to. Additionally, the state of Georgia Girl Scout troop leader asked them to come down and run the STEM day during their annual summer camp.

This exposure has been a great for GC, and while the students did not do this for the recognition, they are recognizing that promoting the school is not only helpful for the future of the chemistry department, but for the school as a whole.

"My favorite fan was that little girl who hugged Samoya, because she said 'I can be just like you!' and it was beautiful," Lisse said.



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The shows displayed a lighter side to one of the hard sciences.

Two GC students win Fulbright Scholarships





Photos Courtesy of GC Communication

Audrey Waits (left) and Kevin Morris (right) have received Fulbright grants to study and teach in Europe next year.

Cori Lowenstein and Emily McClure @gcsunade

Two Georgia College students have received Fulbright grants to teach and study abroad in Europe next year. Audrey Waits, a biology graduate student, will study at the University of Oulu in Finland, and Kevin Morris, a senior and double major in economics and history, will serve as an English Teaching Assistant in Macedonia.

"We speak often about our goal of preeminence," GC President Steve Dorman said in mid-March after hearing Waits' news. "The work Audrey, her faculty mentors and our staff in the National Scholarships Office have done to help her achieve this is the very definition of preeminence."

Waits will be studying bacterial transmission from reindeer to indigenous reindeer herders with a researcher in Finland.

"I'll also be able to do a lot of travel around Finland," Waits said. "I'm really looking forward to exploring Lapland in the winter."

Morris will be teaching English and American civics to high school or university students during his time in Macedonia. As one of his additional required projects, Morris also plans to bring the format of GC's Times Talk forums to facilitate cultural discussions among the various ethnic groups in Macedonia.

"Hopefully what I learn in Macedonia can be illuminating," Morris said. "Maybe they can teach me a lot too, and I can bring that back here."

Morris said he plans to become involved in the local community in whatever Macedonian city he is placed.

To apply for a Fulbright scholarship, a student must be in superior academic standing and demonstrate excellence in their community. Students can apply for a Fulbright during their senior year of college and after graduation.

Students will then be interviewed by a campus committee, who will provide feedback to the applicants.

"Fulbright Student Scholarships vary in length as well as dollar amount by country," said Anna Whiteside, GC's Fulbright Program advisor. "Typically, they run the length of an academic year, nine months, though some are longer and some are shorter than this. Audrey's Fulbright will last nine months."

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 by Sen. William Fulbright. In 71 years, more than 350,000 students have been selected to participate.

Fulbright offers more than 100 areas of study to cater to a variety of interests. The next Fulbright cycle will open on April 3. GC's deadline is September 1, and the national deadline is October 6.

Fulbright awards are given to dedicated students who have demonstrated willingness to expand common awareness between the U.S. and more than 160 countries around the globe.

"To be awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student grant is very prestigious," said Ken Procter, dean of Arts and Sciences at GC. "The rigorous application process attracts students from all over the nation, but only the best of the best win Fulbrights."



Project Stand Down serves local veterans

Chris Lambert @gcsunade

Students from Professor Cynthia Orms' Business Ethics class held "Project Stand Down" at Freedom Church, on Tuesday, April 4, to support the at-risk, precariously housed and literally homeless people of the Milledgeville/Greater Baldwin County area.

Orms worked with a team of roughly 120 students to create, as Orms put it, "a one-stop model for delivering services and supplies."

Students from three separate classes were divided into working groups, tasked with handling the communications, accounting, basic needs, videography, food and logistics for the event.

Sophomore marketing major Anna Voso acted as one of three Service Learning Coordinators (SLC) of the project, as an overseer of the working groups.

"Originally, the project was meant for homeless veterans, and as the daughter of a veteran, I've seen the struggles they face when they return from overseas," Voso said. "I remember sitting in class when Professor Orms explained the project and thinking to myself 'This is something that I need to be involved in'."

Students collected roughly 5,000 pounds of clothing in an effort to provide a full outfit of clothing and a bag of toiletries to each one of the estimated 900 people that sought services Tuesday. Café Central also provided a free lunch to all in attendance.

Abigail Quick, a sophomore marketing major, acted as a SLC, as well

as director of communications and onsite food for the project.

"I have always loved giving back to the less fortunate, and I have always had a soft spot for veterans," Quick said. "For a brief time, students who attend Georgia College live in Milledgeville, and to me, the least we can do is give back to a community who gives us so much."

In addition to the numerous material services offered by the project, the team also coordinated 44 vendors, including 15 veterans' organizations, to provide job training, mental health services and even haircuts for those in need.

This is the second year Professor Orms' and her students have organized Project Stand Down, the first being in November 2015. At the inaugural, the project served approximately 300 people, and those numbers are estimated to have tripled at this year's event.



Photo Courtesy of Cynthia Orms

Donation boxes were located around GC.

Two GC alumni open Mosquito Joe franchise

Kellie Murphy @gcsunade

When Brandon Bradley and Ryan Stemlachers moved into the same dorm their freshman year at GC, they had no idea that in a few short years they would be business partners, opening up a franchise of Mosquito Joe together in Gwinnett County on April 1.

"We have always wanted to go into business together, and neither of us like mosquitoes," Bradley said. "We found Mosquito Joe, and this franchise was enticing to us. The brand and everything was perfect."

Mosquito Joe is a mosquito prevention and protection service, from which technicians are sent out to spray for mosquitoes. Georgia itself has nine Mosquito Joe locations out of the many franchises across several nations.

Stemlachers and Bradley's location will serve six cities in Gwinnett County.

Both men are Georgia College alumni. Stemlachers graduated with a business degree and Bradley graduated with a biology degree, an apt combination for opening up a mosquito prevention business.

The two said the greatest part to them about starting Mosquito Joe is that they both get to keep their day jobs. When they are not doing the behind the scenes work at Mosquito Joe, Bradley is a physician's assistant and Stemlachers works in healthcare sales.

"We're both very successful in our day jobs, and we wanted to start a business, but we were a little worried about having to give up our success that we've created with our jobs now," Stemlachers said. "What was intriguing about this (Mosquito Joe) is that it allowed for us to keep our day jobs while we run this on the side."

Going into business together is dream come true for these two Georgia College grads. They said they feel more comfortable doing it together than with someone else.

"I have had other people come up to me and give ideas about business, but I didn't really know them so it wasn't as trustworthy as someone that you lived with," Stemlachers said.

As advice to future business owners considering going into business with a



Photo Courtesy of Katie Murra

Mosquito Joe technicians operate out of colorful yellow and green vans.

friend or roommate, the men explained that there is a higher level of already established trust when working with someone you know well

Caroline Alexander, a sophomore English major, said she would not be able to ever go into business with her roommate

"I don't think I could go into business with her," Alexander said. "It would be

fun to spend time with her all the time, but I think it would affect our friendship negatively."

However, Bradley and Stemlachers expect to have a positive experience with both Mosquito Joe and their friendship. Their opening this past weekend is just in time for the new spring weather and the mosquitoes that accompany it.

GC launches Sexual **Assault Awareness Month**

Gioia Brust @gcsunade

On college campuses across America, one in four students are sexually assaulted throughout their college career. Here are Georgia College, Project Brave and its subdivision Braveheart were created to help support students affected by sexual assault.

For the month of April, these two groups have organized a sexual assault awareness month, which includes activities planned in order to bring recognition to the issue.

Melissa Gerrior, the program assistant for Project Brave, works at the Women's Center to provide assistance for any survivor of sexual assault or other form of sexual misconduct.

"Project Brave is Georgia College's overarching initiative for things like sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking...and Braveheart fits in as the student group," Gerrior said.

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness month both organizations are participating in a letter writing campaign to Georgia representatives to change the legal definition of rape.

"[It's to] make the definition more inclusive and to broaden that scope," Gerrior said.

Right now, the Georgia law only has a definition of rape for a man against a woman, not for both genders, and Braveheart hopes the letter writing campaign will get this law changed to represent both.

"If you look at that definition traditionally and you look at who is seen as the victims of rape traditionally, there's a lot of stigma against them being a man," Gerrior said.

Tori McBrayer, president of Braveheart, said she is also passionate about raising awareness the prevalence of sexual assault on GC's campus.

"There are different perspectives on genders and sexuality and the way people go about these things and I wanted to get involved with things like [Braveheart]," McBrayer

Now as president, McBrayer is overseeing events such as Sexual Assault Awareness month and the letter writing campaign.

"The end goal would be for all students here at GC to understand the meaning of consent and to have enough respect for

themselves and others to not cross that boundary," McBrayer said.

A few of the other events planned include a silent march occurring Thursday, April 6, where participants will honor sexual assault survivors and victims.

"It's a night of celebration for those people," McBrayer said.

Brian Manuel, a new member of Braveheart, said he is excited to see how this month goes.

"I wasn't really surprised to hear that the one in four statistic existed and that it was so prevalent,' Manuel said. "It seems like everyone knows someone who's experienced it."

Manuel himself has two older sisters, and he said he feels that that statistic could affect them.

"It kind of feels like it hits closer to home if it's one in four," he said.

Other events this month include the ABC party, which will emphasize that what a person wears does not imply consent. Braveheart will host this event at Buffington's on April 21.

More information about both organizations and more events taking place later this month can be found on their Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Behind Closed Doors: A Peek into Mental Health







The Service Leader Cohort at the Give Center and To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA) sponsored Behind Closed Doors: A Peek Into Mental Health on March 28. This event, hosted by Kamalar Williams, showcased mental health resources at GC and strategies for recognizing symptoms of mental health and stress. TWLOHA members handed out cards and de-stress bags to event attendees.

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Christa Bowden, associate professor of art at Washington & Lee University, will give an artist's lecture on her work, including recent photographs taken on Georgia's Cumberland Island.



Wanted: Dead or Alive Fri. April 7th @ 7:30 p.m. Russell Auditorium

The Georgia College Wind Symphony will celebrate life with an uplifting and energetic concert featuring contemporary music that reflects a childlike spirit of youth and vitality.





Women's and Gender Studies Symposium Wed. April 5th @ 8 a.m. to Thurs. April 6th @ 5 p.m. Magnolia Ballroom

The sixth Annual Women's and Gender Studies Symposium will host an intellectual and creative exchange centered on issues pertaining to women, gender and sexuality.



Walk MS Macon Sat. April 8th @ 7 a.m. Geico Campus in Macon

GC's chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society invites all to join a 5K walk that will raise funds for research and celebrate hope for a future world free of MS.

All Week Long

Historical Exhibit: The Strip

The Sallie Ellis Davis House is hosting an historical exhibit on Milledgeville's African-American business district, known as The Strip, that thrived from the early 1900s through the 1970s as a result of segregation. Tours are given every Wednesday and Friday.

For more information, visit frontpage.gcsu.edu.



Obtained from GC Department of Public Safety

Smoke break

Date: March 18

Case: Officer Powell noticed a vehicle parked in the back parking lot of the GC Intramural Fields at 3 a.m. The vehicle's lights were off, and when Officer Powell shined his spotlight on the vehicle, he noticed a man inside. While Officer Powell made contact with the man inside, he noticed the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The man identified himself as a GC student, and when questioned, stated there was marijuana located in the console. A vehicle search was conducted, and a grinder containing a substance believed to be marijuana was found. The student was placed under arrest for the possession of less than one ounce of marijuana. The case was referred to student judicial.

Bicycle to unicycle

Date: March 22

Case: A student reported her bike tire stolen to public safety. The student said she last noticed her bicycle in good condition two days before the report was filed. The missing tire was valued at \$35 by the student, and a statement form was filled out. Officer Davis, who responded to the call, reviewed camera footage from the GC residence hall where the student left her bike. In the footage, a suspect was seen momentarily before he went out of the camera range. No other leads were found, and the case has been closed until further evidence is produced.

Smelled out

Date: March 28

Case: The smell of marijuana coming from a GC residence hall caused a community advisor to notify public safety. Lieutenant Purvis was sent to make contact with the resident. Upon arrival, he met the student and asked him to retrieve any marijuana and drug paraphernalia in his room. The student turned over a small bag containing a pill bottle with marijuana in it, a "vaporer," a grinder, a brush and a bottle that contained used, burnt marijuana. The student was informed that he would be sent to student judicial, and the confiscated materials were disposed.

High-powered offense fueled by lineup shift





Brandon Purcell (left, .305 average, 6 XBH and 12 RBIs over his last 13 games) and Brandon Benson (right, .400, 6 HR, 6 2B, 25 RBIs over his last 13 games) have benefitted from the recent move of Cal Gentry to the leadoff spot and Logan Mattix to the cleanup spot in the lineup.

Dallas Fletcher @gcsunade

The Bobcats have gone 10-3 in their last 13 games, having averaged 10.85 runs per game over that span. The team is averaging almost a full run more this year than last year and is currently leading the PBC with a .349 team batting average. The offensive surge has elevated the Bobcats to the No. 26 spot in the nation, according to College Baseball Newspaper's poll.

Just over halfway through the season, the Bobcats' offense has produced more power at the plate than last season. Last year, the team finished with 178 extra-base hits over 50 games, and this year the team has 127 XBH in just 30 games. The team's slugging percentage has also increased from .516 in 2016 to .542 in 2017.

The March 10 decision to move freshman Cal Gentry (.413 batting average) to the leadoff spot and Logan Mattix (.385 average) to the cleanup spot created a jolt for the team offensively.

"Moving Cal to the leadoff spot really stretched our lineup," said head baseball coach Jason Eller. "It really gave us a legitimate threat with the high on-base percentage at the top.'

Coach Eller said that the move put Mattix in a better position because it allows him to be a little bit more of a free swinger and more aggressive at the plate. It also gives others in the lineup more room to work with less pressure.

The Bobcats' offense crushed the Montevallo Falcons by a score of 20-0 in the first game with the new lineup on March 10

Unlike most lineups, the Bobcats tend to stay relatively strong throughout the lineup. The robust lineup consist of all-conference in the top of the lineup, staying consistent and keeping the momentum going through the middle, with redshirt junior Brendan Holler (.377 batting average) at the bottom serving as a left-handed threat in the designated hitter role.

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"We have a strong lineup, and everyone has bought into the offensive approach," said junior Logan Mattix.

Senior Brandon Benson, the team's home run leader with 15, agrees. "The lineup creates a really good combo, and I think pitchers are nervous when they see our one through four because it's really hard to face.'

Benson attributes his offensive success to being aggressive at the plate and knowing he has teammates around him that can hit the ball just as well and get on base consistently.

The recent surge offensively allows the pitchers to be a little more aggressive early in counts and pitch to contact instead of being tentative.

Coach Eller said he thinks the pitchers understand that if they limit the damage, then their offense is always capable of coming back.

Relief pitcher Brady Walsh said it makes them as pitchers feel relaxed, knowing that if they do give up one run, the offense will come back and put up two or even eight runs in one inning.

"It's always nice to have a lot of runs because you become a lot more confident when you see you're winning," said starting pitcher Charlie Hecht. "It's a lot easier to pitch with a five-run lead opposed to a one-run lead."

The coaches and players agree that it's more than talent that contributes to the team's success -- it's more of a blend of talent, coaching and the right mentality that contribute to their performance.

"Obviously you need talented players, but you also need a good coaching philosophy that those players will buy into, which we have both," Hecht said. "I think it has all come together and has turned out well so far.'

Mattix said he thinks that this year's team is very strong-willed compared to teams in the past. He feels that when they get down, the players know they can always get back into the game and end up with a win, even if they're down early.

The Bobcats' offense will be back in action for a threegame series at Lander this weekend.

^{**}Lineup based on lineups from series against Columbus State University

GC tennis teams rank nationally in latest polls



Christian Graff, from Lohmar, Germany, ranks 36th in men's singles for Division II tennis.

Will Anderson @gcsunade

Both the men's and women's tennis teams were recently ranked nationally in their respective divisions, with the men's team placing 14th and the women's team ranking 31st. Although both teams have struggled with injuries this season, each hope to continue the momentum gained over the past year leading up to the NCAA tournament.

Christian Graff, a graduate student obtaining his master's degree in human health performance, is ranked within the top 50 in men's singles. Despite his individual ranking, Graff's primary concern remains with the team and their performance as a group in the weeks leading up to the NCAA tournament.

"So far [this season] could have been better," Graff said. "We have had a couple injuries this season, but we had a big win against nationallyranked Columbus. Our goal is to make the conference tournament, and we will see where we can go."

While Graff's personal ranking could be considered impressive enough, he is in no way fazed by the pressure. His main focus is on the team and the remainder of the season.

"For me personally, it's just a number," Graff said. "For me, the whole team aspect is way more important."

Steve Barsby, head coach of both the men's and women's tennis teams, echoed this same philosophy of teamwork.

"[The main thing] we talk about in the spring is five," Barsby said. "To win a match, you need to win five matches. We have guys who win a lot of awards, but if you were to ask them all, they would trade them all to be ranked higher as a team," Barsby said.



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GC alum accepts sports information position

Jason Hendrix pursues his passion of athletics in a new career



Jason Hendrix works as the Georgia Gwinnett College Director of Sports Information.

Amy Strang @gcsunade

After graduating in December of 2009, Hendrix's career took him to Georgia Gwinnett College as the Director of Sports Information. Recently, he has been named the Sports Information Director of the Association of Independent Institutions.

Hendrix's time as a Bobcat was nothing less than influential. While at GC, he was a student-athlete, participating in the men's cross country team. He was heavily involved in other campus organizations as well, including the Student Government

Association, the robotics team, The Colonnade, the Wesley Foundation, Pi Kappa Phi and Kappa Epsilon Chi, just to name a few.

Of his time at GC, Hendrix said it was one of the most unique, adventurous, and life-preparing experiences he's ever had.

"I spent many hours in the city, on the campus... some of my fondest memories of my early twenties were spent there," Hendrix said.

Hendrix named Alan Weston, assistant athletic director for communications at GC, as one of the most impactful faculty members he knew during his undergraduate years.

"Alan Weston is singlehandedly one of the only reasons I'm in this career path. I witnessed his love and passion for his job, the fact that he was able to work

"Few students have had more passion for Georgia College Athletics than Jason Hendrix."

Al Weston, Assistant Athletic Director for Communications

in sports and get paid to do it,"
Hendrix said. "Alan was the
first person to give me a shot
and a chance to learn, grow and
experiment with this career."

students have

had more passion for Georgia College Athletics than Jason Hendrix," Weston said. "He's now played that passion for athletics into a successful field in sports information and is doing great work for Georgia Gwinnett."

Another faculty member who influenced Hendrix's years at GC was Dr. Tanya Goette, professor of management information systems. Hendrix said Goette was one of the faculty members who pushed him harder than anyone he's encountered in his career thus far. "During my final semester,

she was the professor that helped me with the 'next steps' of life," Hendrix said.

"I have taught thousands of students over my 21 years at GC," Goette said. "The ones I remember are the ones who were exceptionally bright, the ones who really struggled but worked hard, the ones with vibrant personalities. Jason has a very vibrant personality, but he also spent time seeking my advice."

Association of
Independent
Institutions sports
information
director, he is
now the direct
contact between
the media, member
institutions and the
NAIA National Office

In his new title of

in matters regarding media coverage. He also creates web and social media content for the league's digital media initiatives. He is the media coordinator at all conference tournaments, and he will do all of this in conjunction with his responsibilities as Georgia Gwinnett College's director of sports information.

Though he is making waves at Georgia Gwinnett, Hendrix maintains love for his home at Georgia College. "If GC offered me a job today, I would have a hard time turning it down," he said. "I'm a Bobcat for life."

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GRAB A COLD ONE

Local bars serve up new drinks for a new season

Ben Lord @gcsunade The seasons are changing, and so are our taste buds. With warmer weather rolling in, many people like the new

seasonal drinks that bars downtown acquire to reel in bigger crowds. Whether it's summer cocktails or summer beers, everyone likes a refreshing beverage at the end of a long day.

Chops downtown holds a variety of drinks that appeal to many Milledgeville customers, but they do not necessarily have a summer selection in the beer category. Instead, they create tasty mixtures of fruity flavors to make downtown goers sip the summer heat away.

Veteran Chops bartender Madison Arnett said she loves when warmer weather begins because she can experiment with different cocktail recipes. She says it's fun to come up with different drinks that combine different tastes.

"A favorite of mine is the Rum Sunset," Arnett said.

"The drink is made up of rum, orange juice, 2 tbsp. of grenadine and a couple lime slices to add flavor."

Another bar that has gained a seasonal taste is Milledgeville's Velvet Elvis. Velvet has an assortment of summer shandies and cocktails, but the preferred drink seems to be a Creature Comforts favorite.

Junior and management information systems major Patrick Bartlett recommends the tasty IPA to every beer lover. He says the tasty brew captures the tropical essence perfectly and goes well with a delectable meal.

"The Creature Comforts IPA, Tropicália, has many fans here in Milledgeville," Bartlett said. "We have run out of the beer on tap numerous times throughout this spring semester. It's a bit pricey, but the rich and sweet taste makes people come back for more."

As for nightclub Capital City, their bar keeps the classic cocktails and beers that everyone knows and loves.

Sophomore and marketing major Dani Lutin says Capitol likes to keep things simple and sweet when it comes to drinks. She says people love the original cocktails and beers and it keeps things easy when working.

"As for beers, people continually drink Miller Lite and Bud Light, but since the weather has gotten more hot, many customers come in and get the "Jet Fuel" slushy cocktail," Lutin said. "It's fruity and cold, and makes a great choice for a refreshing thirst-quencher."



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Ashley Cooper/Staff Photographer

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of April through

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the warmer months

Front campus festival to promote healthy living

Maddy Stone @gcsunade GC's ArtHealthy Festival celebrates healthy living through the combination of art and physical activity. The

festival is primarily a health fair, but other educational and interactive opportunities are available.

The goal of this festival is to promote healthy living to the residents in Middle Georgia while also bringing awareness to the resources that are available to them.

The festival will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. The event is free of charge.

The event is broken up into four sections. The main stage will include exercise classes as well as belly dancing and salsa dancing. There will be many different off-stage events, including Drum Circle with GC's Music Therapy, bike rodeo and health assessments.

A Kid Zone will be available, including numerous

activities as well as vendors/organizations highlighting their services.

"The festival seeks to educate people on the epidemic of obesity while also encouraging an appreciation for the arts," said Toyia Barnes, an event organizer.

Many local businesses and nonprofit organizations pair with GC to participate in this event.

"This one-day event brings campus and community members together to encourage art and healthy living," Barnes said.

ArtHealthy's main objective is to increase appreciation for the arts while also shedding light on the importance of healthy living. Rural residents are more likely to be underinsured or completely uninsured than those in urban areas. According to Georgia's State Office of Rural Health, Milledgeville borders many underserved counties with regard to healthcare delivery.

"As an exercise science major, we can attend the festival for extra credit. I think it is a fantastic idea, and I am excited to be a part of it," said junior Kylie Myer, an exercise science major.

This event will include presentations as well as performances to help engage the GC community by providing useful information.

The College of Health and Sciences and the Office of Inclusive Excellence are two of the top sponsors for the festival. Another big contributor is GC's Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

"With the collaboration of residents within the Middle Georgia community and the GC campus community, this festival helps embrace diversity and inclusion," Barnes said

Come join the GC community by providing your support at the ArtHealthy Festival.

How to hair- do it: easy formal hair ideas from milly pros

Amy Huang @gcsunade Colonnade staff writer Amy Huang scoped out local beauty experts downtown, as well as some students to pick up some tips and tricks for a seamless formal look.

Spring formal season is upon us, and whether you're

following the latest spring trends or opting for what you know best, it doesn't have to be stressful.

These quick tips for how to style hair and how to dress from some of Milledgeville's hair pros will help you get ready easily without breaking the bank.

Trends to look out for this spring season revolve around everything classic and chic to romantic florals.

If you're interested in trying something different beyond your usual style, dresses with an open back can turn any basic dress into a bold statement. If you find something with minimal straps or even intricate embroidery, you've hit the jackpot.

But maybe you want to keep it simple. Debra Brooks, a hair stylist at Charmed Spa and Salon, said black dresses are a classic.

"Black dresses are always in. You can never go wrong with black," said Brooks.

If you're going down the classic and chic trend, Brooks says the half-up ponytail and fishtail side braids are a perfect fit. Swipe a shade of a minimal nude color on the lip to complete this classy mix.

Chelsea Galbraith, receptionist at Hairbar, recommends fishtail braids to fit the romantic trend. Romantic gals should go for loose airy curls if braids aren't your thing.

"Loose waves are always cute," said Galbraith. "Wrap your hair around the curling iron away from your face and leave about an inch at the end all the way around."

Those who want to save time can always go for a pinned-up, loose and messy hairdo. Regardless of which hair trend you decide to aspire for, maintaining its perfection throughout the whole night will depend on three vital products.

Every girl shouldn't forget to spray dry shampoo for volume, a good heat protectant for frizz and a good oil product that prevents your hair from going flat.

"I usually go for a simple half-up with curls," said junior Caitlin McKeon, an economics major. "I don't feel like it's worth my money to go to a salon for one event. You want something natural and that isn't too much work that will be comfortable that lasts all night long."





EDITORIAL

"S-town" shines light on realities of mental illness

Ashley Cooper @gcsunade A new podcast brought to us by the minds behind NPR's This American Life and Serial called S-Town published all

seven of its chapters on March 28. This podcast is hosted and executive-produced by Brian Reed.

I would like to keep this review as vague as possible so as not to give anything away. It really ended up being nothing like I thought it would be, and I would like to pass that experience onto others.

The podcast's description reads, "John despises his Alabama town and decides to do something about it. He asks a reporter to investigate the son of a wealthy family who's allegedly been bragging that he got away with murder. But then someone else ends up dead, sparking a nasty feud, a hunt for hidden treasure, and an unearthing of the mysteries of one man's life."

This, along with the connection to Serial, led me to believe that it would be a true crime podcast unlike anything I had heard before. However, what unfolded before me was the story of a unique man who is plagued with depression and disgust for not only his town, but for the world around him.

The podcast revolves around a man named John B.

McLemore. John is an eccentric horologist, or an antique clock repairman, who lives in the town of Woodstock, Alabama, which he refers to as "Shittown."

S-Town progresses with a slow and deliberate pace that draws you in and compels you to keep listening. Episode after episode you learn more about John. You are told of his sometimes severe depression, sexuality, genius and disdain for being all of these things while living in "Shittown, Alabama"

I, however, am a true crime junkie, and while listening to this show I was at first disappointed that it was not the true crime mystery I had anticipated. Then, I started to connect with John and his woes. I began to see some of myself in the man who felt like an outcast.

John's mental health becomes a side plot for S-Town, and this is something that has always spoken to me. I was diagnosed with depression when I was a freshman in college. I struggled with feelings of worthlessness, anger at the world and suicidal thoughts. John seemed to go through these things as well.

There is one quote from John that stood out to me while listening to S-Town because of how much it resonated with me. When asked why he wants to kill himself, he replies, "[I'm] tired in a way that I can't put into words.

Tired. Tired". When I heard this, I broke down in tears because I was transported back to all of those nights of crying myself to sleep, feeling like a burden to my friends and family, and wishing for death.

S-Town discusses this and other issues in such an honest and palpable manner that it is almost impossible not to feel John's pain. This is an important podcast that brings to light the reality and dangers of mental health issues. However, it does not spend its time trying to reform the mental health system of America. It instead brings recognition to John B. McLemore's life and the "Shittown" in which he lives.

I feel that this is one of the most important things to do in the mental health community. We need to feel represented, heard and respected. This podcast does all of these things while telling an interesting story. I believe that those like myself who listen to this podcast won't feel so alone while listening to it, and what more can you ask for when searching for "entertainment."

I could see where some listeners might think S-Town has somewhat of an anti-climactic and disappointing ending. However, I would say that the ending simply changes the way you have listened to the podcast. It brings your attention to the most important themes of the story instead of focusing on the most dramatic.



Q: What are your spring break ragrets?

Compiled by Lauren Nielly



"I could have slowed down on the buffet on my cruise."

-- Randi Evans, junior and biology major



"Not stopping to see a live 14-foot alligator on my drive back from Florida."

-- Brian Garner, senior and management major



"Losing my phone and the seven people that were staying with me on St. Patrick's Day in Savannah."

Francis Kelly, junior and marketing major

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